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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service

A Policy and Review meeting was held on 3 April 1946 to discuss the report of the ad hoc committee to survey foreign intelligence broadcast service. A general discussion of the report was conducted and the following points brought out by the survey were emphasized:

1. The product of the FBIS is primarily of interest to the State Department, but is also of definite interest to both War and Navy.
2. The War Department took over the FBIS activity on an interim basis only.
3. There is still some FCC equipment on loan to the War Department.

5. There is definitely a need for central direction of this activity.

As a result of the discussion, it was determined that the Information Branch should obtain answers to the following questions before a definite recommendation could be made as to the future control of the FBIS:

1. If the FBIS activity was transferred to another department, or to the C.I.G., what facilities, personnel, and equipment would be transferred and what other facilities, equipment, etc. would be required to run it?
2. Can the State, War, Navy Departments run it and, if not, why not?
3. What would be required for the C.I.G. to take it over?
4. What budgetary arrangement and administrative arrangements are necessary to have another department, or the C.I.G., take it over?

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